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Fidel Willing To Talk Release Of Prisoners

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Fidel Castro has agreed to allow formation of a Havana committee to negotiate the release of 75,000 prisoners, the Miami-based Association for Amnesty of Cuban Political Prisoners said here today.

Announcement of Castro's willingness to talk was cabled here late yesterday by former Oregon Congressman Charles O. Porter, who flew to Cuba via Mexico two weeks ago.

Porter, who represents the women's association and defrayed traveling expenses through a magazine assignment, said he planned to return to the United States tomorrow.



CHARLES O. PORTER
Cabled Miami

Although permission to travel to Cuba is almost impossible for Americans to obtain, Porter was granted a journalist's visa.

"Porter wired me he talked with Castro five hours Tuesday night," said Mrs. Villaverde.

He said he expected to have another meeting with the Cuban leader yesterday, she continued.

Before leaving Miami, where he consulted with group members, Porter stated he would go directly to his home in Eugene, Ore., when he left Havana via Mexico City.

However, Mrs. Villaverde indicated there were many details to be discussed and hoped he would report to the group here.

No money or ransom would be paid for the prisoner release, she said.

She denied any similarity between Porter's mission and that of New York lawyer James Donovan, who arranged the \$52 - million food and medicine trade for Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners last December.

"Our appeal to Castro is strictly sentimental and humanitarian," she stated.

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